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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                          |
|                               | : | Examiner: H. Nguyen      |
| Tomoharu HASE                 | ) |                          |
|                               | : | Group Art Unit: 2851     |
| Application No.: 09/145,982 ✓ | ) |                          |
|                               | : |                          |
| Filed: September 3, 1998 ✓    | ) |                          |
|                               | : |                          |
| For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND   | ) | December 26, 2002        |
| DEVICE MANUFACTURING          | : | (Thursday After Holiday) |
| METHOD INCLUDING GAS          | ) |                          |
| PURGING OF A SPACE            | : |                          |
| CONTAINING OPTICAL            | ) |                          |
| COMPONENTS                    | : |                          |

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The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, for three months from September 25, 2002, up to and including December 26, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.